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For: METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF SOUNDNESS OF A SHEET-SHAPED MEDIUM, AND METHOD FOR THE VERIFICATION OF DATA OF A SHEET-SHAPED MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

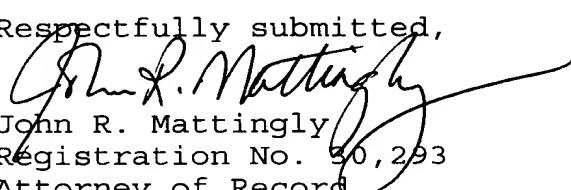
IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 6, after "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION",
~~insert~~ the following paragraph:

--The present application is a Continuation-In-Part
of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/645,401, filed on
August 25, 2000.--

REMARKS

Examination is requested.

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